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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1 of the Specification, after the Title of the Invention and before the Field of the Invention statement starting on line 1, please insert the following paragraph:

---This is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/915,031, filed July 25, 2001 which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/567,748, filed May 10, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,531,319. Each of the above applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.---

Please amend Table 2 on page 15 of the specification as follows:

TABLE 2. Patient samples showing COTA values of 15 µg/ml or higher as positives

| Patients | No. tested | No. positive | No. negative | % positive |
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| Colorectal CA | 6 | 5 | 1 | 83.3 |
| Colorectal CA (Resected or radiation treated) | 6 | 1 | 5 | 16.6 |
| Polyps | 22 | 6 | 16 | 27.2 |
| Ulcerative colitis | 7 | 0 | 7 | 12.50 |
| Ulcerative colitis with dysplasia | 1 | 1 | 0 | 100 |
| Normals | 58 | 2 | 56 | 3.4 |